



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

Date: April 20, 2026

Time: Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM

Location: Library

PAC Executive:

Chair: Jin Thindal

Vice Chair : Tanja Phillips

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Jocelyn Burnett

Principal: Graham Magnusson

Member at Large: Michelle Appasani

COMMITTEES:

District PAC Representative: Jin Thindal

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Joy Rong

Dry Grad Committee: Erin Harvie

PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

Attendees:

Principal, Colette Mende, Jin Thindal, Tanja Phillips, Jocelyn Burnett, Michelle Appasani

2025/2026

PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September 29 25 6:30 pm
Oct 27 25, 6:30 pm – AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov 24 25, 6:30 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan 26 26 6:30 pm
Feb 23 26 6:30pm
April 20 26 6:30 pm
May 25 26 6:30 pm
September 28 25 6:30 pm



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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Tanja Philips

2. Attendance

Jin Thindal (Chair and DPAC representative)
Tanja Phillips (Vice Chair)
Colette Mende (Treasurer)
Jocelyn Burnett (Secretary)
Principal – Graham Magnusson
Member at Large – Michelle Appasani

3. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Tanja welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the land acknowledgment.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Michelle, seconded by Jin T.

Approval of February 2026 Minutes with edit: Motioned by Tanja., seconded by Jin

Changed the date of the Dpac meeting from last months minutes. Dpac meeting in the last week of February.

5. Principal's Report:

- School fees – School district is headed towards an audit likely in fall. The district and schools are preparing. One of the areas we are working on is school fees. Fees are broken down by grade and courses to show what the costs are. The ministry can decide to pull money back for certain things. The school is working on being very specific on what the student costs for certain courses or activities are.
- Athletics – Final stretch to summer. We have track and field going with multiple practices a week and some mini meets. Rugby – Seniors defeated south delta. Juniors are #1 ranked in the province, they beat St. George's. Ultimate frisbee is also going on right now.
- Assemblies for core competencies just happened throughout all grades. Provides time for teachers to do reporting.
- Assembly for grads – grad season is starting and lots of grad events coming up. Plant Sale, Duke of Earl and commencement on May 20 and grad walk on May 19. Grad walk is where the kids walk through there old elementary school dressed in their grad gowns then they have a pizza lunch and a grad rehearsal.
- New stage arrived – very sturdy, thank you to the Pac for helping with the purchase of the stage
- Student learning survey went out. There is an opportunity for parents to fill out as well as students in grade 10-12.



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6. Chair's Update – Jin

- Pizza hut sent an email and also White Caps. Jin will follow up to see if these are worth exploring.
- **We need a new treasurer!** Please email the PAC if you are interested. We will not have a PAC if we don't have a treasurer.

7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette M.

As of November 24, 2025

EMS PAC Account Balances:

Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$17,850.74

Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$31,000
- Fashion Show brought in about \$6000.00
- Just starting plant sale

Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$18,602

EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 7.78

9. DPAC Report by Jin T.

- There was a presentation from Safe Schools Surrey on Allyship with a focus on safety. Not just physical safety but also emotional safety which covered Pink Shirt Day and bullying reduction.
- District is seeing a rise in toxic masculinity in secondary schools that is finding it's way into elementary schools mainly via technology.
- Province is seeing an increase in discriminatory practices on transgender students following the Tumbler Ridge shooting.
- Presentation on why the city is not building more schools given half of Surrey schools don't have enough space.
- Amendment to DPAC bylaws to allow on line voting.

10. CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Report by Joy R.

- Joy was not in attendance nothing new to share



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11. Dry Grad Report

- Questions? Please email emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com

12. PAC Events

- Pac BBQ planning for June 12 at lunch hour

Next meeting: May 25 at 6:30 in the library

Questions

- Are students coming to school with smart glasses? 2 students have worn smart glasses and were told they can't wear them to school and why. There have been no issues at EMS with compliance.
- Is EMS still thinking about a cell phone free day? They are still thinking about it and trying to figure out how that might work.

12. New Business – We need a new treasurer! If you are interested, please email the PAC.

- There was a motion brought by Collette for redistributing the 6200.00 funds from the wrestling mat to the athletic soccer jersey's, soccer shorts, soccer socks, junior girls' soccer penny's and volleyball jerseys. Motion was seconded by Tanja and passed with all in favour.

13. Adjournment - Call end of meeting by Tanja P. Seconded by Jin at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting Date: May 25, 2025!